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3rd story - MO/Comer complaint getting press

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## EARNED VALUE NEWS

**Bioenergy Insight - US EPA announces \$3 million for 12 food waste AD projects – 10/5/20** – The EPA has selected 12 organizations and projects to receive around \$3 million in funding to help reduce food loss and waste and divert food waste from landfills by expanding anaerobic digestion (AD) capacity in the US. <https://bit.ly/3jx7xEEd>

## R7 IN THE NEWS

**Inside EPA - Trump's COVID Diagnosis Spurs EPA Staff Call To Pause Reopening Plans – 10/2/20** – President Donald Trump's announcement early Oct. 2 that he and First Lady Melania Trump have tested positive for COVID-19 is spurring EPA staff to call on Administrator Andrew Wheeler to pause controversial plans to reopen agency offices, saying the spread of the virus at the White House validates employees' concerns about high exposure risks. <https://bit.ly/2SvnHBU>

**St. Louis Public Radio - Complaint: Missouri DNR Allowed Excessive Air Pollution In South St. Louis – 10/2/20** – The EPA will review a complaint that Missouri officials have allowed excessive air pollution in low-income and minority neighborhoods in south St. Louis. <https://bit.ly/33wDlxR>  
Also KBIA Public Radio Columbia MO

**Business Record (Des Moines IA) - Des Moines official: Building proposed multiuse stadium on old Dico site creates opportunities for other development – 10/2/20** – A proposal to move a multiuse stadium about two blocks west to the former Dico Inc. site would allow additional commercial development to occur on the venue's original site just south of downtown Des Moines, a city official said. <https://bit.ly/3cXKW14>

**KSIS Radio Sedalia MO – DNR Offers Funding to Improve Water Quality – 10/5/20**

- The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has funding available for projects that will protect Missouri's waters from pollution caused by stormwater runoff, also known as non-point source pollution. <https://bit.ly/2GqPXTX>

**WIBW Ch. 13 Topeka KS - Army requests to collect water samples around Fort**

**Riley – 10/3/20** - Fort Riley says it is contacting owners of properties near Marshall Army Airfield to get permission to test the quality of their drinking water in wells on those properties. It said this is to determine if the wells may have been impacted due to Army operations. <https://bit.ly/30BjJwa>

**Manhattan (KS) Mercury - Army requesting to collect water samples in Fort Riley**

**vicinity – 10/2/20** - Fort Riley is contacting owners of properties near the Marshall Army Airfield to test the quality of drinking water in wells to see if they have been affected by Army operations. <https://bit.ly/2F89WGs>

**FUELS**

**OilPrice - Has Trump Helped Or Hurt The U.S. Ethanol Industry? – 10/2/20** - Last week at a campaign rally in Jacksonville, Florida, President Trump made a puzzling claim. Near the end of a story about Kamala Harris, Trump said "The great state of Iowa — where I made ethanol possible for them..." <https://bit.ly/33x0N3B>

**Omaha (NE) World-Herald - Midlands Voices: Giving a boost to ethanol means giving a boost to cleaner air – 10/3/20** - The president should direct EPA to enforce Congress's long-neglected directive to reduce the toxic compounds in gasoline. By replacing aromatics with cleaner alternatives such as high octane ethanol, the nation will be meeting its obligation to protect the health and welfare of its citizens. <https://bit.ly/3jxToq1>

**High Plains Journal, Dodge City, KS - Ethanol partners call on EPA and the White House to right wrongs with the Renewable Fuel – 10/2/20** - On Sept.14, the ethanol industry celebrated a welcome, albeit predictable, victory when the Environmental Protection Agency denied 54 small refinery exemption petitions and committed to rejecting at least 14 more pending petitions. <https://bit.ly/36xl2yT>

**Forbes - Ethanol Industry Takes Pandemic In Stride: Farm Country Knows Ethanol Is Here To Stay – 10/5/20** - The episode was a reminder of the seeming fragility of the ethanol market. Ever since Congress created the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) in 2005, the government has mandated the production of tens of billions of gallons of biofuels annually, the most popular being corn-based ethanol. Yet the primary goal of the RFS — to reduce America's dependence on foreign oil — is now obsolete. <https://bit.ly/2F0GZfk>

## **CORONAVIRUS**

**Wyandotte (KS) Daily - Increases noted in COVID-19 numbers – 10/1/20** - An increase has been noted recently in COVID-19 case numbers at the local, state and national levels.

Cases are up across the United States, according to national measurements such as the seven-day rolling average at Johns Hopkins University. <https://bit.ly/3nm9i9i>

**Quad-City Times - As September ends, Scott County's COVID-19 cases were up 400% since business restrictions ended in late May. – 10/4/20** - In a week when President Donald J. Trump was diagnosed with COVID-19 and taken to Walter Reed Medical Center for observation, cases of the novel coronavirus in the Quad-Cities increased by nearly 500. <https://bit.ly/30A4FPm>

## **REGIONAL**

**Hays Post - EPA awards grant to Kansas American Lung Association for clean diesel project – 10/1/20** - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced that nine organizations in EPA Region 7 have been selected to receive over \$2.23 million from the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) National Grants Program funding. <https://bit.ly/30BYOcf>

**Joplin (Mo) Globe - Permit requires monitoring at EaglePicher site | Oversight required under agreement until 2053 – 10/3/20** - The Missouri Department of Natural Resources on Wednesday issued a final hazardous waste permit for an Eagle Picher wastewater impoundment that once was contaminated with lead. <https://bit.ly/2Gs8Zcr>

**Chillicothe (MO) News – Commentary: Commission Communications: Clarifying county authority regarding CAFOs – 10/2/20** - Recently I have learned from several different people that the perception on social media seems to be that the county commission has the authority to turn down a CAFO (Confined Animal Feeding Operation) application if it does not comply with county rules that conflict with state laws or regulations governing CAFOs. That perception is misleading and inaccurate. <https://bit.ly/2HZIQIR>

## **NATIONAL**

**Science News for Students - How to recycle 'nonrecyclable' plastics – 10/3/20** - A new process could allow reuse of certain plastics that would otherwise be trashed. <https://bit.ly/30xAZ5e>

**TODAY - 3 myths about recycling — and what we're all doing wrong – 10/2/20** - The recycling industry has a counterintuitive catchphrase, according to David Biderman,

executive director of the Solid Waste Association of North America: "When in doubt, throw it out." In reality, this mentality makes it less likely that successful recycling takes place. According to the EPA, only 30% of plastic water bottles are recycled.

<https://on.today.com/2GqUiGK>

**MedTech DIVE - Ethylene oxide sterilizer rule pushed back by EPA – 10/2/20** - An anticipated environmental regulation that could restrict commercial sterilizers' emissions of a common chemical used on medical devices did not meet its September deadline, delaying actions that could impact medical device supply chains. <https://bit.ly/3d1e8nL>

**Contemporary Pediatrics - Climate change and pediatric infectious disease – 10/3/20** - At the virtual 2020 American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference & Exhibition, Dr Saul R Hymes discusses how climate change directly impacts infectious disease in children. <https://bit.ly/3l9RZX6>

**SIERRA - Why Is the EPA Really Repealing Methane Emissions Regulations? – 10/5/20** - What's curious about the methane rule rollback is that Big Oil isn't on board. Shell, ExxonMobil, and BP all oppose the measures. <https://bit.ly/2SvhVjW>

**The Legal Intelligencer – Commentary: D.C. Circuit to Decide EPA's Authority to Regulate Greenhouse Gas Emissions – 10/1/20** -

Lawsuits pending before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit are likely to shape the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) authority to regulate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from stationary sources under the Clean Air Act (CAA).

<https://bit.ly/30BXfuT>

**Inside EPA - Judge Refuses To Narrow Order For 'Timely' EPA Civil Rights Responses – 10/2/20** - A federal district judge is ordering EPA to respond quickly to future Civil Rights Act (CRA) discrimination petitions in addition to those that are already past due, backing environmentalists in long-running litigation over the agency's failures to act on CRA petitions in a timely manner. <https://bit.ly/2GuGBGC>

**Inside EPA - GAO Presses EPA To Improve Child Care Lead Testing Plan With HHS – 10/2/20** - The Government Accountability Office (GAO) is urging EPA to take additional steps to ensure that an agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to facilitate testing for lead in water in child care facilities is implemented, saying the agency is not taking the situation seriously enough. <https://bit.ly/36zMTiU>

**Inside EPA - Environmentalists Ramp Up Legal Bid To Force New EPA Air Toxics Limits – 10/2/20** - Environmentalists are ramping up their litigation strategy to try forcing EPA to issue new limits on air toxics from industries already subject to hazardous air pollutant (HAP) limits, filing suit over the agency's risk-and-technology review (RTR) rule for taconite iron ore processing that seeks first-time limits for mercury and other HAPs. <https://bit.ly/30yyvUv>

**Inside EPA - EPA Argues 4th Circuit Lacks Jurisdiction Over Slaughterhouse ELG Suit – 10/2/20** - EPA is urging a federal appeals court to reject environmentalists' lawsuit seeking to require the agency to update its Clean Water Act (CWA) effluent limits for slaughterhouses, saying the agency's 2019 public statement calling for more study on the issue is not a final agency action and therefore the court lacks jurisdiction to hear the case. <https://bit.ly/33v6gru>

**Inside EPA - D.C. Circuit continues stay of suit over EPA RMP rollback – 10/2/20** - The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has agreed to continue a stay of litigation challenging EPA's rule reversing Obama-era Risk Management Program (RMP) chemical disaster safety mandates for facilities, granting a motion submitted by states, environmental groups and a major industrial union along with EPA. <https://bit.ly/3lgs14w>

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